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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

**Application No.:** 09/926,634      **Examiner:** Hadi AKHAVANNIK  
**Filing Date:** February 26, 2001      **Art Unit:** 2621  
**First Inventor:** Albert MÖDL      **Customer No.:** 23364  
**Attorney No.:** MODL3001/JEK/JJC      **Confirm. No.:** 5404  
**For:** DEVICES AND METHODS FOR BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the office action dated January 12, 2006 in the above application wherein claims 16-33 are finally rejected. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.